

FROM COORDINATOR FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND STABILIZATION JOHN E. HERBST

SUBJECT: GUIDANCE FOR FY 08 SECTION 1210 PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

1. (U) Summary: The Office of the Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization (S/CRS) is pleased to inform posts of the renewal of Section 1210 (formerly 1207) funding for promoting U.S. security interests through reconstruction and stabilization projects. The purpose of this message is to provide guidance on Section 1210 submissions and to solicit proposals for FY-08 funding. End Summary

2. (U) Section 1210 of the recently signed FY08 National Defense Authorization Act authorizes the Secretary of Defense to transfer up to \$100 million to the Secretary of State to fund reconstruction and stabilization programs. The Secretary has designated S/CRS as the office to coordinate 1210 project review and oversight for State. Under the FY06 and FY07 authorizations, DOD transferred \$110 million to State that was used for eight different projects in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Middle East.

Principles of 1210

3. (U) All 1210 program proposals should be guided by the following principles jointly developed by S/CRS and DOD's Office of Partnership Strategies:

4. (U) Programs should clearly advance U.S. security interests by promoting regional stability and/or building governance capacity of foreign partners to address conflict, instability, and sources of terrorism.

5. (U) Programs should focus on security, stabilization, or reconstruction objectives in regions and countries where a failure to act could lead to the deployment of U.S. forces.

6. (U) Programs should be distinct from other U.S. government foreign assistance activities, and address urgent or emergent threats or opportunities that conventional foreign assistance activities cannot address in the required time frame.

7. (U) Programs should seek to achieve short-term security, stabilization or reconstruction objectives that are coordinated with longer-term development efforts, and that are expected to be sustained by the host government, international organizations, or other forms of us foreign assistance.

8. (U) Programs should address stability, security and development goals from a holistic perspective, integrating initiatives across multiple sectors.

9. (U) While proposals may originate at Embassies, State regional bureaus, USAID, or Combatant Commands, all proposals must be closely coordinated with the affected Embassy and submitted by the Ambassador. All proposals must be cleared with the relevant Combatant Command. Those submitting proposals should consult broadly and draw in other U.S. Government components that have relevant expertise.

10. (U) Programs should be coordinated with any us security capacity building programs (e.g. NDAA Section 1206 activities) that are ongoing within the same geographical area.

Instructions for Submitting 1210 Proposal

11. (U) Detailed instructions for how to submit a 1210 proposal, along with a project template can be found at <http://www.crs.state.gov/shortcut.cfm/4PSC> or through the S/CRS web site at <http://www.crs.state.gov/> All proposals must be submitted using this 1210 proposal template, which outlines specific guidelines regarding the project plan, background, monitoring, management and budget. Proposals must be approved by the Chief of Mission and cleared with the relevant Combatant Command and State Regional Bureau and should name a 1210 Coordinator. Proposals should be unclassified if possible.

12. (U) Please do not submit proposals for: fund-assessed UN contributions; programs for which an active budget request is pending in Congress; programs creating impression of end-run around appropriation process; programs previously intentionally not funded.

13. (U) Embassies should submit proposals to their Regional Bureau. Regional Bureaus will submit all bureau proposals under cover of an action memo to S/CRS. Deadline for submission for the first tranche of proposals is May 1. Deadline for the second and final tranche is June 1, 2008. Please also e-mail an advance copy to Peter Kranstover at KranstoverPF@state.gov

14. (U) S/CRS and OSD will co-chair the 1210 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), which includes F, OSD, and J5, with USAID as a non-voting member. The 1210 TAC will draw upon the relevant proponent groups for their expertise. Proposals approved by the 1210 TAC will be recommended to Ambassador Herbst and forwarded to DOD for funding based on availability of funds.

15. (U) For further information regarding the 1210 program, please contact S/CRS's Conflict Prevention Office. Inquiries should be directed to 1210 lead Peter Kranstover or Conflict Prevention Deputy Director William McCulla.